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Zbaszyn Airfield

1. An airfield is located 3.5 km southwest of Zbaszyn. It was formerly a German auxiliary airfield but is now being rebuilt to be suitable for jet aircraft. Construction is to be completed by August 1950.
2. The airfield, which has a prevailing wind of north to northwest, contains the following facilities:
 - a. Railroad siding
 - b. Radar
 - c. Grass runway
 - d. Fuel tanks with a capacity of approximately 200,000 liters
 - e. A meteorological station which has been completed and is ready for use
3. Approximately 1,200 Poles are employed in repairing and enlarging hangars and fuel tanks. There is only a very small number of flying personnel. Accommodations for about 1,700 men are available.
4. Only six aircraft reputed to be of Soviet origin were seen. Three of them were 2-engined planes, two 4-engined planes. Up to four take-offs and landings were made in 24 hours.

Torzyn Airfield

5. A former German airfield is located approximately 4 km northeast of Torzym (Sternberg), northwest of Koryta (Koritten) and southeast of Grabow. It covers an area 1,800 x 2,000 m. The prevailing wind is east to north-northeast.
6. The airfield has the following facilities:
 - a. Grass runway
 - b. Lighting installations for night flying, not yet completed
 - c. Accommodations for approximately 60 bombers and 80 fighters but no permanent hangars; parking areas with roofing of camouflage nets in the forest
 - d. Barracks for 1,500 men, tents for the remainder. Construction of barracks for 1,500 men is under way; this work is being done exclusively by Soviet troops.

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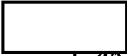
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- e. Three underground tanks under construction; fuelling now done from drums and tank-trucks
- f. A direction finder

7. The airfield serves as an operational base for bombers and fighters. Approximately 2,000 men of the Soviet air force are stationed there, 800 of them being flying personnel.* Fifteen to twenty bombers each with a crew of 4-8 men, and approximately 30 fighters, were seen at the field. Frequent visits by 12-16 single and twin jet aircraft have been made, since the airfield is suitable for jet aircraft and has good approaches.

Civil Airfields

8. The Airfields Commission which is attached to the Institute of Building Technique is working on projects for the construction of new civil airfields. This work is directed by Tomasz Kluz, a Professor of the Warsaw Polytechnic. A representative of the Ministry of National Defense (Ministerstwa Obrony Narodowej-MON) is also a member of the commission.
9. A plan has been completed for the construction of a civil airfield to be situated northeast of Gdansk. The airfield will be laid out on the pattern of German civil airfields.

 Comment: It is possible that "flying personnel" includes the ground staff.



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